

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Re: Application of Roman Golicz et al.

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Examiner: H. Skaggs, Jr.

Applicant: Roman Golicz et al.

Art Unit: 3651

Title: Sheet Feeding Apparatus

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To: Asst. Commissioner for Patents

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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION

Please amend the claim 26, as shown in the mark up of Attachment A, and Cancel claim 29.

The pending claims as amended to date, including claim 26 as amended in Attachment A, are presented in clean typed form in Attachment B.

REMARKS

This is in response to the office action of November 18, 2002 in which the examiner finally rejected the claims 26-32 and 45 under 35 USC 102 and 35 USC 102 based on various patents. Claim 39 has been objected to.

Applicant requests entry of the enclosed amendment, which should make the claims allowable, or enable better appeal if the examiner continues the rejection. Amended claim 26 does not present any new issue. It more clearly recites the invention, including matter which was in claim 29, now cancelled.

As to the 35 USC 102 rejection based on the combination of Habich or Anderson: Both prior art documents make clear that the prompter is free to rotate on a shaft. This is contrary to the claimed invention, where there is frictional engagement of the body, such as by the shaft, which imparts a moment, which is in addition to whatever moment is applied to the body due to the belt rotation. The enclosed amendment recites both the first and second moments, to better state that the invention includes such and distinguishes the invention from either prior art device.

As to the 35 USC 103 rejection of claim 27, based on the combination of Habich or Anderson, with O'Brien: